

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
BRYSON CITY DIVISION
CIVIL CASE NO. 2:14-cv-00015-MR
(CRIMINAL CASE NO. 2:00-cr-00018-MR-2)**

**EDDIE DEWAYNE CARRINGER,)
Petitioner,)
vs.)
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
Respondent.)**

**MEMORANDUM OF
DECISION AND ORDER**

THIS MATTER is before the Court on Petitioner's Motion to Vacate, Set Aside, or Correct Sentence, filed under 28 U.S.C. § 2255, [Doc. 1]. No response from the Government is necessary. For the reasons that follow, the Court finds that this is an unauthorized, successive petition.¹ The Court therefore dismisses the Motion to Vacate.

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On June 7, 2000, Petitioner pled guilty pursuant to a written plea agreement to one count of assaulting, resisting, or impeding certain officers or employees and aiding and abetting the same, in violation of 18 U.S.C.

¹ Petitioner submitted the petition in letter form and requested that the Court accept "this letter/certification in lieu of a more formal petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2255(e) and (f)(3)." [Doc. 1 at 1].

§§ 111 & 2 (Count Two); and one count of using a firearm during and in relation to a crime of violence and aiding and abetting the same, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 924(c) & 2 (Count Three). [Criminal Case No. 2:00-cr-00018-MR-2, Doc. 67: Entry and Acceptance of Guilty Plea; Doc. 84: Judgment]. Petitioner was sentenced to a term of 100 months' imprisonment on Count Two and a term of 120 months' imprisonment on Count Three with those terms to run consecutively, for a total term of incarceration of 220 months. [Id., Doc. 84: Judgment]. Petitioner did not appeal.

Petitioner filed his first 28 U.S.C. § 2255 petition on June 2, 2008, which this Court denied with prejudice as untimely on June 24, 2008. See [Id., Docs. 96, 97; Civil Case No. 2:08-cv-00015-MR (W.D.N.C.)]. Petitioner filed a second 28 U.S.C. § 2255 petition on February 21, 2012, which this Court denied as an unauthorized successive petition on March 6, 2013. [Id., Docs. 110, 112; Civil Case No. 2:12-cv-00026-MR (W.D.N.C.)]. Petitioner placed the instant Section 2255 petition in the prison system for mailing on April 21, 2014, and it was stamp-filed in this Court on April 28, 2014. Thus, this is the third Section 2255 petition filed by Petitioner challenging the conviction and sentence in Criminal Case No. 2:00-cr-18-MR-2. In the instant petition, Petitioner contends that he is entitled to

sentencing relief based on the Supreme Court's opinion in Descamps v. United States, 133 S. Ct. 2276 (2013).

II. STANDARD OF REVIEW

Pursuant to Rule 4(b) of the Rules Governing Section 2255 Proceedings, sentencing courts are directed to promptly examine motions to vacate, along with "any attached exhibits and the record of prior proceedings" in order to determine whether a petitioner is entitled to any relief. After having considered the record in this matter, the Court finds that no response is necessary from the United States. Further, the Court finds that this matter can be resolved without an evidentiary hearing. See Raines v. United States, 423 F.2d 526, 529 (4th Cir. 1970).

III. DISCUSSION

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A), "[b]efore a second or successive application permitted by this section is filed in the district court, the applicant shall move in the appropriate court of appeals for an order authorizing the district court to consider the application." The instant motion to vacate is a successive petition. Thus, Petitioner must first obtain an order from the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit before this Court will consider any successive petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2255. Petitioner has not shown that he has obtained the permission of the

United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit to file a successive petition. See also 28 U.S.C. § 2255(h) (“[a] second or successive motion must be certified as provided in section 2244 by a panel of the appropriate court of appeals.”). Accordingly, this successive petition must be dismissed. See Burton v. Stewart, 549 U.S. 147, 153 (2007) (holding that failure of petitioner to obtain authorization to file a “second or successive” petition deprived the district court of jurisdiction to consider the second or successive petition “in the first place.”).

IV. CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated herein, Petitioner’s Section 2255 petition is dismissed.

Pursuant to Rule 11(a) of the Rules Governing Section 2254 and Section 2255 Cases, this Court declines to issue a certificate of appealability. See 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2); Miller-El v. Cockrell, 537 U.S. 322, 338 (2003) (in order to satisfy § 2253(c), a petitioner must demonstrate that reasonable jurists would find the district court’s assessment of the constitutional claims debatable or wrong); Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000) (when relief is denied on procedural grounds, a petitioner must establish both that the dispositive procedural

ruling is debatable and that the petition states a debatable claim of the denial of a constitutional right).

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that Petitioner's Motion to Vacate [Doc. 1] is **DISMISSED** as a successive petition.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Court declines to issue a certificate of appealability.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: June 11, 2014



Martin Reidinger
United States District Judge

